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April 5, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000783 - Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, Phase 4A, Unit 7B, Part 2B, Cities of Carson, Long Beach, and Los Angeles (2 and 4), with changes amounting to a credit of \$1,959.02, and a final contract amount of \$13,695,439.87.

Project ID No. WWD4027001 - Well 27-5, vicinity of Lancaster (5), with changes amounting to a credit of \$17,534.87, and a final contract amount of \$380,870.13.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Acting Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and

contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Acting Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000783 and WWD4027001.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts are credits of \$1,959.02 and \$17,534.87, while the total values of the contracts are \$13,695,439.87 and \$380,870.13, respectively.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Acting Director of Public Works.

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (FINAL)  
April 5, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000783, DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT, PHASE 4A,  
UNIT 7B, PART 2B (Cities of Carson, Long Beach, and Los Angeles),  
Supervisory Districts 2 and 4

Contractor: Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., 1500 West 9th Street,  
P.O. Box 1012, Upland, California 91786-5636

Project Description:

The construction of a water supply system, a compressed air system, a microfiltration treatment system, and an electrical system to service 34 injection wells currently under construction. The injection wells are an extension of the Dominguez Gap Barrier project, which prevents the infiltration of seawater into groundwater aquifers.

Changes in Work:

(1)	Modify Injection Control Valves	\$ 430.98
(2)	Additional Paving	<u>(2,390.00)</u>
	Total	<u>(\$1,959.02)</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) Your Board previously approved a change in work to install signal output devices in each of the recharge well's electrical panels. The cost of this work exceeded the original estimate by the amount shown.

(2) Your Board previously approved a change in work to restore additional portions of the Dominguez Yard site. The cost of this work was less than the original estimate by the amount shown.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 12, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications. On January 18, 2005, your Board approved partial acceptance of the work on this contract with a withholding of \$6,000, pending compliance with Affirmative Action Reporting Requirements. Also, Public Works withheld \$50,000, pending the completion of additional work that was beyond the original scope of the project. The contractor has now resolved these issues, and is entitled to the release of all funds withheld. Therefore, we recommend that your Board accept the work of this contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$11,845,221.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	(1,959.02)
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by your Board	1,846,177.89
Affirmative Action compliance	<u>6,000.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$13,695,439.87</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
April 5, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4027001, WELL 27-5 (in the vicinity of Lancaster)  
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: Bakersfield Well & Pump Co., 7212 Fruitvale Avenue, Bakersfield,  
California 93308

Project Description:

The drilling, construction, development, and testing of a groundwater production well and the installation of electrical and pumping equipment.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$19,034.87)
(2) 6' Chainlink Fence Gate	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	(\$ <u>17,534.87</u> )

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) A gate was installed in the fence to provide access to the rear of the property.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Five additional working days were required because of these changes. Also, the contractor was granted an additional 111 working days due to changes in the design of the pumps and to obtain materials.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on December 2, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$398,405.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>(17,534.87)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$380,870.13</u>

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